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Does Justin Trudeau have what it takes to win over the West?

Liberal MP Justin Trudeau speaks briefly with the media as he enters party caucus meetings on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Wednesday. Although pressed by reporters, Trudeau refused to say if he was intending to run for the leadership of the Liberal party. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Like father, like son?

'Western Canadians ... have long memories,' says political pundit as reports emerge MP intends to run for Liberal leadership

JEFF MACKEY
Metro in Regina

Justin Trudeau's expected announcement of candidacy for the Liberal leadership has caused speculation about what his involvement will mean for the race and the Liberal party.

"He is certainly a star candidate. He has the famous Trudeau name," said Loleen Berdahl, associate professor of political studies at the University of Saskatchewan.

But with his father's name, Justin Trudeau has inherited a host of political issues from his father, especially in Western Canada.

"For every person out there who loves the Trudeau name, I think there is probably someone who does not love the name or the legacy," said Berdahl.

"(Pierre) Trudeau and Western Canada had an interesting and somewhat fraught relationship," said Berdahl. "And Western Canadians, just like most political communities around the world, have long memories."

Many point to the Trudeau era in Canadian politics as what lost the Liberals Western Canada.

"The Liberals have been striking out in Saskatchewan and Western Canada for a fair amount of time," said Berdahl. "It has been a real, long-standing issue for the Liberals and it is not clear what it is they have to do.

"But fixing their problem in Western Canada ... is not going to be achieved by a star candidate with a famous political name."

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He will run: Sources

Announcement expected Tuesday

Several sources have told Montreal's La Presse that Trudeau plans to run for the leadership of the federal party.

The 40-year-old member for Papineau is expected to make the announcement on Tuesday.

The next Liberal leader will be elected April 14, 2013, in Ottawa.

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A local athlete takes another plunge into the Red Bull Crashed Ice competition PAGE 3

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Final suspect

Alleged Stanley Cup rioter caught in Saskatoon

Vancouver police have nabbed an alleged Stanley Cup rioter.

Members of the Integrated Riot Investigation Team flew to Saskatchewan Tuesday and arrested Jonathan Stephen Mahoney, 24, at his workplace in Lanigan.

Mahoney is the 15th and final suspect accused of beating and knocking Good Samaritan Robert Mackay to the ground after he tried to protect The Bay store from being smashed and looted during the riot.

The disturbing footage of Mackay's attack went viral, causing outrage from the public in the days following the June 15, 2011, riot. METRO

Operations to resume

PotashCorp probing cause of mine fire

Operations are expected to resume soon at a Saskatchewan potash mine where a fire forced 20 miners to seek shelter in underground safe rooms.

PotashCorp says there's no word on the cause of the blaze that broke out Tuesday at its Rocanville mine, about 245 kilometres east of Regina.

Officials had said a large wooden cable spool started burning.

Spokesman Bill Cooper says it is likely to be days before the company knows for sure what sparked the fire.

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No name released

Man found dead after house fire in Nipawin

A man was found dead Wednesday in Nipawin after RCMP responded to a call about a house fire.

At about 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nipawin RCMP were called to a house fire located at a residence on 1st Avenue West.

After the Nipawin Fire department arrived on scene and extinguished the blaze, they found a 40-year-old male resident dead inside the house. All other occupants of the home were accounted for. The RCMP are not yet releasing the name of the deceased. There was only minor damage to the house as a result of the fire.

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From left, Canadian Scott Croxall, Pavo Kiintrup from Finland, Adam Horst from Canada and Gabriel Andre from Canada perform during the finals of the Red Bull Crashed Ice World Championship 2012 in Quebec City in March. To see video of the athletes in action, go to metronews.ca. CONTRIBUTED/SEBASTIAN MARKO/RED BULL CONTENT POOL

Local athlete will take on Crashed Ice

Extreme sport. 31-year-old ready for 'once-in-a-lifetime opportunity' in Red Bull-sponsored event

Ice games

"The best description is, you know when you are five years old and you go down a flight of stairs in a cardboard box? It's like that — only faster."

Saskatchewan athlete Michaeol Stoicescu on the Red Bull Crashed Ice games

JANE CAULFIELD
Metro in Saskatoon

Plummeting down icy hills, clearing obstacles and dodging opponents is not a sport for the faint of heart.

But Saskatchewan athlete Michaeol Stoicescu, 31, can't wait to compete in the Red Bull Crashed Ice games again this year.

"The best description is, you know when you are five years old and you go down a flight of stairs in a cardboard box? It's like that — only faster," said Stoicescu.

Stoicescu, from Saskatoon, who has been competing in the sport since 2006, says it requires strength and agility.

"This year, I've tried a bit of yoga to help my balance," he said.

Stoicescu says it's a "once in a lifetime opportunity," and encourages anyone interested — both male and female — to register and try out.

Registration closes Sept. 30. For more info on the event go to redbull.ca.

The sport

Crashed Ice is an extreme sport consisting of heats of four athletes plunging down an ice track up to 500 metres in length.

- Athletes wear nothing more than basic hockey gear and hockey skates.
- Competitors skate the steep downhill track, rushing over chicanes, jumps and rollers, while simultaneously trying to avoid a disastrous collision.

The veterans' plates were presented on Wednesday by Brent Wignes, president of the Royal Canadian Legion's Saskatchewan command. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

SGI. Vets to sport plates on motorcycles, snowmobiles

Veterans in Saskatchewan will soon be able to roar around with specialty licence plates.

Saskatchewan Government Insurance says starting Oct. 1, people who served in the military can get veterans' plates for motorcycles and snowmobiles, not just cars.

The change came after Sgt. Patrick Barbar contacted Premier Brad Wall via Twitter in August to ask about offering veteran plates for motorcycles.

Wall tweeted back that it would be done.

The plates will be a smaller version of the regular-sized plates, which will include the letter V followed by three numbers.

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On the web

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This summer's hot weather comes at a cost. Scan the code to see how a drought turned crops to crisp.

PETA targets children with controversial billboards

Sending a message. Tofurkey giveaways planned for Edmonton, Calgary, Kelowna, Vancouver and Victoria

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Some parents may have a harder time feeding their children turkey this Thanksgiving.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) plan on targeting the city's public schools with nearby billboards asking, "If you wouldn't eat your dog, why eat a turkey?" PETA hopes the message will make students think twice about eating meat during Thanksgiving.

"Thanksgiving is a time for reflection and kindness, and we're trying to send kids the message that it shouldn't be celebrated with the decomposing corpse of a tortured bird," said Laura Wilson, a campaign co-ordinator with PETA. "Turkeys are less familiar to us than dogs and cats are, but they do have the same capacity to suffer and that's something that kids really understand."

Alongside Saskatoon, PETA plans to post the billboards in Ottawa and Winnipeg, and Wilson said they're currently working with ad agencies to get them up — as close to schools as possible — before the holidays.

Veronica Baker, manager of communications and marketing with Saskatoon Public Schools, said they would not be commenting on the matter.

"It would be like any other advertising that happens off of school property — it doesn't affect school business, it's not something we have control over and it's not something we're going to comment on," said Baker.

Wilson said PETA is also putting forward a number of alternatives to turkey, pointing to tofurkey and high-protein vegetable dishes as other options.

Would you eat your pet dog at Thanksgiving? That's the question animal-rights group and shock-tactic experts People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) say they want to ask schoolchildren in the Ottawa, Winnipeg and Saskatoon areas. HANDOUT/PETA

Reactions on the street

Do you think this is an appropriate message for kids?

- **Matthew Fleming:** "I don't have a particular problem with it, to be honest.... As far as the PETA message goes, an animal is a living thing and I don't disagree with much of what they stand for."
- **Heather Brickner:** "They're just targeting children that may not have formed opinions.... They're just showing them the one side. I think proper nutrition is very important, especially for kids.... I'm not opposed to them putting billboards up, but I don't think they should be targeting children specifically."
- **Nick Maguire:** "It's inappropriate for primary-school students. Maybe high school would be a different issue, but definitely not for kids under 13, 14, 15."

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Rona Ambrose takes flak for her pro-life vote

A Conservative MP's landmark pro-life bid was defeated in the House of Commons on Wednesday night — and the prime minister helped torpedo it.

Stephen Harper voted against the motion to have Parliament study the definition of a human being.

But 10 ministers voted to keep the debate alive.

Status of Women Minister Rona Ambrose was among the members of cabinet who rose to vote in favour of Stephen Woodworth's private motion — and was roundly criticized for it.

"It's unacceptable," said NDP MP Niki Ashton.

Quoted

"Mr. Harper can't have it both ways. He can't claim that he's against reopening the abortion debate and having a sitting minister vote in favour of reopening the abortion debate."

Thomas Mulcair, NDP leader

"Stephen Harper told us his government wasn't willing to reopen the debate and you have the minister in charge of the status of women voting (in favour).

"At what point do the Conservatives consider women's equality a priority?"

The motion was defeated by a vote of 203-91.

Harper had called Woodworth's motion "unfortunate," and said he would vote against it because of his party's electoral pledge to not reopen the abortion debate.

But more than 80 Conservative MPs did not appear to view their vote as a contradiction to the party's election promise.

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Rona Ambrose, pictured on Monday, voted in favour of the controversial pro-life motion on Wednesday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Background

When does human life begin?

- **Law.** Currently, the Criminal Code defines a child as a human only after it emerges alive from the mother's body at birth.
- **Ruling.** Stephen Woodworth says a 1988 ruling confirming abortion rights noted the potential need to protect unborn babies at some point during pregnancy.

Debris approaching

Space station on collision course?

The International Space Station, housing three astronauts, may have to move Thursday to avoid some space junk. Debris from an old Russian satellite and an Indian rocket may come too close.

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Bill Clinton a backer

Unique deal curbs unwanted births

Prices for long-acting contraception will be halved for 27 million women in the developing world through a new partnership, former U.S. President Bill Clinton and other world leaders said Wednesday.

The deal will help avoid 30 million unwanted pregnancies and save about $250 million in health costs, the partnership said.

Bayer HealthCare, the maker of the Jadelle progestogen implants, agreed to reduce their price by more than half in exchange for a six-year purchasing pact from a coalition including Norway, Britain, the U.S. and Sweden.

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Strategy needed?

UN flays Canada over kids' rights

United Nations officials say they're concerned vulnerable Canadian children may be falling through the cracks of a federal system that lacks accountability and a clear strategy.

In hearings in Geneva to examine Canada's adherence to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, Ottawa was taken to task for incoherence about how federal and provincial programs actually help kids.

The UN's committee on the rights of the child said Canada needs to "raise the bar" in how it protects the rights of children, especially aboriginal, disabled and immigrant kids.

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$8,000 scam

She faked cancer to get implants

A woman who pretended to have cancer to raise money for breast implants has been sentenced in Phoenix to a year in jail.

Authorities say Jami Lynn Toler, 27, collected more than $8,000.

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Don't take it outside — take it online

The website eQuibbly is seen Wednesday in Montreal. It lets people bring their personal and business disputes online. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Wisdom of the crowd.' Dispute-resolution sites provide individuals and businesses with a faster, low-cost means for settling conflicts

Never mind telling your side of the story in court, or to your best friend. Cyber-justice is starting to be dispensed to resolve civil disputes and personal disagreements. Sometimes it's left to ordinary folks to vote on winners and losers.

Take eQuibbly, for example. It lets people bring their personal and business disputes online — anything from complaints about loud music to boyfriends ogling other women to how restaurant tips should be shared.

Participants read both sides of an argument and vote on who wins the dispute, which eQuibbly founder and president Lance Soskin called "crowd voting." The web application is free to its users and does not deal with criminal cases or more serious matters like divorce.

Quoted

"You can't go to court for a few hundred dollars."
Lance Soskin, founder of eQuibbly

EQuibbly has a more serious side, though, which allows individuals and businesses to agree to a debate with a binding resolution.

Soskin sees shortfalls in the justice system that online dispute resolution might solve. The justice system is somewhat biased toward people who have money and time, he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Readership numbers. Metro keeps growing across Canada

It's official: Metro continues to be Canada's fastest growing national daily newspaper, according to results released yesterday by the Newspaper Audience Databank (NADbank).

Almost 1.6 million Canadians read Metro every day, an increase of 247,400 readers over NADbank 2010-11 results.

Initial results for Metro London and Metro Winnipeg, launched in April 2011, speak to the success of the Metro brand — NADbank pegs London daily readership at 35,400 and Winnipeg at 72,700.

Results for Metro Saskatoon and Metro Regina, launched in April this year, will be available in September 2013.

"These results confirm the power of the Metro brand to deliver the news youthful, active metropolitans want," says Bill McDonald, President of Metro English Canada.

"We focus on a unique package of local, national and international news, plus lifestyle and entertainment news that matters to our readers. Add our enhanced distribution strategies and creative marketing initiatives and it is no wonder more Canadians than ever pick up Metro to start their day."

By the numbers

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Porking out. British farm group forecasts worldwide bacon shortage for 2013

A British farming organization is predicting a worldwide shortage of bacon and pork next year.

The National Pig Association says global drought conditions are driving up the price of grain, a major staple in hog feed. It says pig farmers around the world are selling their herds because retail prices are not rising fast enough to cover the cost of record-high pig-feed costs.

In the U.S., the government has introduced a pork-buying program in a bid to keep its pig farmers in business. And the Chinese government is putting pork into cold storage, as a buffer against shortages and high prices next year.

Iowa-based agricultural economist Steve Meyer says he expects to see record prices for pork next year. He says high grain prices affect all meat suppliers, meaning beef, chicken and turkey supplies could also be affected. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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A (BLOODY) THUMB GOES UP, A CAR GOES BY ...

HE SAYS...
John Mazerolle
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After years of hitchhiking, my biggest tip is to never thumb with a bloody hand.

You might think that's stupid advice, perhaps suitable for some creature that doesn't even have opposable thumbs (which is why dogs so rarely hitchhike).

But, trust me, it's important.

Recently, I've been hitchhiking Iceland, the country that leads the world in tourist spots that can actively kill you. (Typical sign: Welcome! Beware of steam explosions!)

I was on the one-lane "highway" heading from some death-by-ice attraction to some death-by-fire one, and several cars passed me. Not a big deal, but I decided to do my mental hitchhiking checklist.

- Standing where visible but too difficult to hit for points? Good.
- Eyes conveying "Don't hate me, I'm not American"? Check.
- Looking outdoorsy but not serial-killery? Whoops.

This is when I noticed my hand. A hangnail — throbbing from cold weather and gushing from a blood disorder I have — meant my right hand had gone all Carrie White. I looked like maybe I had pulled a Temple of Doom on one of the sheep wandering the roadside.

Hitchin' a ride

I did have a first-aid kit with me, but I forgot the first rule of first aid: Remember that you have a first-aid kit with you.

I did have a first-aid kit with me, but I forgot the first rule of first aid: Remember that you have a first-aid kit with you.

Instead, I followed my memory from Boy Scouts and put a wet, woolen glove over top of it, which is probably what they would recommend. I'm not sure because I quit during Beavers.

After performing the medical equivalent of putting duct tape over the "Service Engine" light, somebody eventually stopped. I don't think the driver was unnerved when he heard "Don't be alarmed but there's a lot of blood on my hand." The nervous giggle afterward may have given him pause, though.

Thankfully, it all worked out. It always does.

People talk about how dangerous hitchhiking is, and the travel book I brought — the office of whose publisher is clearly ringed by rabid lawyers — goes so far as to say hitchhiking is "not rewarding." Of course hitchhiking has its dangers, but it seems a paranoid stance in a place where you're encouraged to swim in fault lines and volcanoes.

Hitching is one of the best ways to meet locals. It's cheap, and it's like love: When you find what you were looking for, you forget instantly about the long wait that came before.

Maybe the best thing about hitchhiking is that it's much easier than it seems. It's rare that something so easy to do elicits such instant wonder in people who never thought to try it.

But the secret's out now, I suppose, so if you've never considered it before feel free to sully your virgin thumb. Get a written sign if you like, stand in a straightaway where drivers have enough time to decide to stop, and wear bright colours for safety's sake. I find a nice blood red really catches the eye.

Rule of thumb: Conceal the blood. ISTOCK

Who's at the wheel?

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Google auto

Driverless car gets green light

A driverless car is seen at Google headquarters in Mountain View, Calif. Google has been developing autonomous car technology and lobbying for the regulations for years.

The company says autonomous cars can make roads safer, free commuters from the drudgery of driving and reduce congestion.

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Google's fleet of a dozen computer-controlled vehicles — mostly Toyota Priuses equipped with self-driving technology — has logged more than 483,000 kilometres of self-driving without an accident, the company said.

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Legislation paves way for technology

Gov. Jerry Brown signed legislation earlier this week that will pave the way for driverless cars in California.

The legislation requires the California Department of Motor Vehicles to draft regulations for autonomous vehicles by Jan. 1, 2015. Currently, state law doesn't mention self-driving cars because the technology is so new.

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- Autonomous cars use computers, sensors and other technology to operate independently, but a "driver" can override the autopilot function any time.
- The regulations would allow vehicles to operate autonomously, but a licensed driver would still need to sit behind the wheel to serve as a backup operator.

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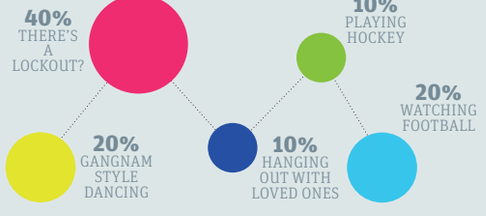

Twitter

@jmxpin: Good afternoon #saskatoon! Beautiful day to stay locked in mommy's basement playing video games!

@Melly_1977: #saskatoon #Hospice Foundation's Open House was a success last night. Thx to the supporters & future volunteers that came out! #yxe

@_KatelynDawn: I thought getting accepted into law school would be the hard part. Now that, that's done- I can't find a new place! Lol #Saskatoon #stress

@nicjean70: Saskatoon why are your roads always being reconstructed

@Nouraszoor: Active morning and beautiful #Saskatoon sunshine.. Have a healthy day everyone!

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Michael Lomenda, far right, plays Nick Massi in Jersey Boys, which runs through October 13th at TCU Place. SUPPLIED

There's always something there to remind him

Jersey Boys. Playing Nick Massi of Four Seasons fame in Jersey Boys comes easy for Michael Lomenda

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There are some roles that require an actor to stretch dramatically, to put themselves into a completely different headspace, to abandon who they are and become an entirely different person.

Michael Lomenda is quick to admit that for him, Nick Massi in Jersey Boys isn't one of those roles.

"It's a great role to play for me. I find myself resonating a lot in that character," Lomenda said in a telephone interview. "It's been a lot of fun to explore that every night."

While he may have been born in rural Alberta instead of Newark, the hometown of the legendary singer, there are some similarities that extend beyond the fact that they share a birthday — Sept. 19.

Lomenda describes Massi as the outsider within the Four Seasons. He helped shape the group's signature sound, but also desired his own career. He had some obsessive compulsive tendencies, which Lomenda can also identify with.

"He liked things just so," said Lomenda. "I'm the same way. The thing that makes me comfortable is coming to the hotel room and taking down all the things that make it feel like a hotel room and putting them in a closet somewhere."

Lomenda has had some time to figure out a road routine. After starting out doing the show in Toronto, he's been a part of the touring company for Jersey Boys for nearly a year. Performing the same songs night after night in different cities is yet another thing he and his character have in common.

"It's really fun to do a show that mimics your daily life. It informs the way you speak the lines every night based on your daily experience," said Lomenda. "That's an experience that not everybody gets in a show."

Any feelings of homesickness might be dampened on the tour's current stop. The Stettler, Alta., native says Saskatchewan feels like home in many ways. His father is from Esterhazy and Michael has fond memories of taking a bus trip through the province on his way to start his career in Toronto.

"It's very cool, it's sort of like a full circle experience for me to come home and be able to perform this show, which I'm so proud of, on Canadian soil," said Lomenda.

He says he's also been thrilled with the response the show has gotten from Canadian audiences during the tour.

"If you're on the fence about musicals in general, this is the awesome gateway musical. It's got guns, mob ties... something for everybody."

Four Seasons

The Jersey Boys tells the story of the Four Seasons, who ascended to fame in the '60s. The band has existed in various incarnations but has always been fronted by Frankie Valli. They are considered the most popular rock band in the world prior to the Beatles, have sold more than 175 million records and were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1990.

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Don't hate him for being the Bachelor

Looking for love. Former CFL player Brad Smith just wants to find the right woman — with whom he can build a life

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS
Metro Vancouver

Brad Smith doesn't care if you hate on him for choosing to search for love in a different way.

The former CFL wide receiver-turned-first Bachelor Canada just wants to find someone to start his life with.

"When you go in and see 25 girls, you're not looking to love all 25," Smith said Wednesday.

"You're just looking for that one who's going to be with you until the end and that's all that matters."

"You just have to be in the best situation to know yourself and what works for you so you can find that person," he added.

"If she's not there, then don't pick anybody."

The show hasn't even started yet, but the 28-year-old already has his fair share of haters and critics.

"I don't care (about) being made fun of or chirped," he said.

"I understand that comes with the ground. People are just naturally not going to like the fact that you've chosen to do this because they don't believe in it."

But he adds that there are twice as many who are totally behind him in his quest for love on a reality TV show, including his family (his dad is former CFL commissioner and senator Larry Smith) and his CFL buddies.

"I've got almost half of the Edmonton Eskimos team that are going to go my buddy's house to watch it every Wednesday night just because they're so excited," he said.

"They can make fun all they want, but they'll be there to support you. That's what boys are for."

The show won't be without the usual hot tub moments and kissing sessions, and Smith admits it'll be an "intensely awkward situation" for his parents to watch.

"But they understand that it's part of the process and they're cool with it," he said.

Quoted

"When you go in and see 25 girls, you're not looking to love all 25. You're just looking for that one who's going to be with you until the end and that's all that matters."

Canada's Bachelor Brad Smith, former CFL wide receiver for the Edmonton Eskimos

Survey says

A new survey from Match.com, an online dating site, reveals that, unlike the 25 lucky ladies who will be battling for the heart of the Bachelor Canada, less than one in 10 Canadian women would go on a reality series to find love. In fact, most single Canucks (45 per cent) believe a first date on national television would be the most intimidating type of romantic rendezvous. Match.com dove into their vault of Canadian data to determine which contestant is most likely to win Brad's heart — at least according to statistics.

- **Blondes rule.** Single Canadian chaps (41 per cent) prefer flaxen-haired females over brunettes and redheads, and 46 per cent of men prefer women who have "medium" length hair. Lucky for the brown-haired Bachelor, the opposite is true of Canadian women. The majority of single ladies (54 per cent) swoon over brown-haired men.
- **No jock love.** The football-playing Bachelor might not be so fortunate in the job department. Only seven per cent of single Canadian women think being an athlete is an attractive profession. Those contestants that are in the medical field or are self-employed may have a leg up; these are the two sexiest professions, according to single Canadian men.
- **Singles still believe.** An overwhelming 76 per cent of Canadian singles believe in soul mates.

And in America...

The next U.S. Bachelor is Sean Lowe, a former Kansas State linebacker. HANDOUT

ABC says the next star of The Bachelor will be Sean Lowe, who was dumped on The Bachelorette. The network says the 28-year-old Dallas businessman will be the one doing the choosing when The Bachelor returns for its 17th edition. On the eighth edition of The Bachelorette, Lowe confessed his love for Emily Maynard but was eliminated just before the finale. ABC says Lowe is ready to look for love again. The 6-foot-3 Texan was a linebacker for Kansas State and worked in finance and insurance before starting a custom furniture business. The Bachelor returns in January.

Details

- **The Bachelor Canada.** Premieres Wednesday, Oct. 3 at 9 p.m. EST/PT on Citytv. (Following the premiere, the series moves to its regular time slot Wednesdays at 9:30 p.m. EST/PST, beginning October 10.

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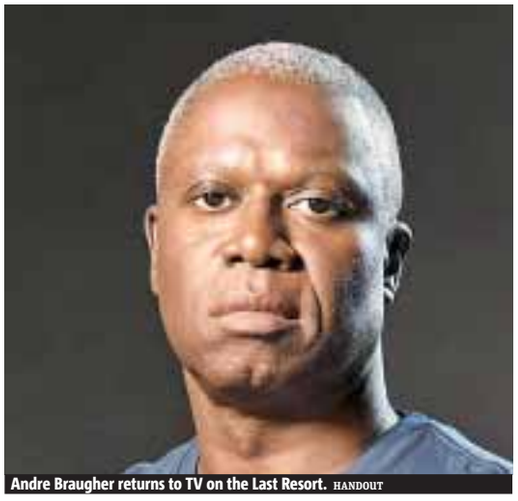
Andre Braugher returns to TV on the Last Resort. HANDOUT

Homicide star returning to television with Last Resort

Military thriller. A rogue submarine captain finds himself on the run from the U.S. army after a major missile incident

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Metro World News

Veteran actor Andre Braugher returns to TV with Last Resort, an intriguing military thriller about a submarine captain who questions an order to launch nuclear missiles at Pakistan — only to have his sub fired upon by his own country. Braugher's Capt. Chaplin and crew seek refuge on an island in French Polynesia, making a stand against the country they used to fight for.

Toward the end of the first episode, Scott Speedman's character compliments your character for delivering a message with "just the right amount of crazy." What is the right amount of crazy?
You know, I don't think he's crazy, but he's in grief, and grieving people do crazy things. He's lost a wife, we learn that he's lost a son. He's lost everything he thought he was because he wasn't willing to kill potentially innocent people. And now he's a traitor. And he's grieving and he's betrayed. Part of it is a game and part of it is true. Part of it is a mask and part of it is truth, you know? So I don't know. I don't know from moment to moment exactly how crazy he is. I know that there's a wily trickster aspect to Chaplin. It's like a Jenga game. He's the kind of guy who knows which blocks to pull in order to either maintain or collapse. Crazy? Maybe, I don't know.

What made you want to come onboard with this show and play this character?
He's a complicated man who wants to do things in the right way — and not because he's persnickety but because there are lives at stake. One of things that's most important to the show-runners as well as to me is that these are not some closet peaceniks who decided, 'Well, now that we have a shoot order, we're going to disobey it.' If this order had come through the right way, they would've launched the missiles without delay. I was intrigued by his desire to do things right and to be judged credibly by history rather than be the guy who killed a million people because he didn't have enough balls to ask the right questions.

The premise puts your character in a pretty high-pressure, precarious situation. How will the show sustain itself for an entire season like that?
Well, there's the enemy without and the enemy within. I don't know from which episode to which episode it will be. Our human nature is going to exert itself, and how we're going to reorganize ourselves — I don't know who's going to live and who's going to die. Sam (played by Speedman) and I are eventually going to be at odds because we're thinking differently about the world. It's difficult to live with a man who has nothing to lose because the potential for him giving shocking orders rises because there's nobody on the other end.

New television show

Where can you find it and when does the show kickoff?

- **New series.** The Last Resort premieres tonight on Global TV.
- **Good reception.** While a show can hardly be considered a hit before it has even aired, the early reviews of it have been strong. But Braugher and the cast are resisting celebrating before they see the ratings.

Other new shows you don't want to miss

AMBER M RAY
Metro World News

What else is on TV that may pique your interest this fall? Add these shows to your regular rotation of viewing if you're looking for something new.

Elementary
Jonny Lee Miller is Sherlock and Lucy Liu Watson in this update on Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's famous detective.
Premieres tonight at 10 on Global

Beauty and the Beast
This is less Disney and more monster soap opera of the '80s. The CW version is considered a reboot of the Beauty and the Beast fairy tale starring Linda Hamilton and Ron Perlman, with Kristin Kreuk and Jay Ryan playing modern takes on the Catherine and Vincent characters. Kreuk is an NYPD detective who has crossed paths with Ryan's mysterious doctor in the past — in his "creature" state, he once saved her life.
Premieres Oct. 11, 9 p.m., Showcase

Lucy Liu Watson stars in Elementary, a new show that airs on Global.
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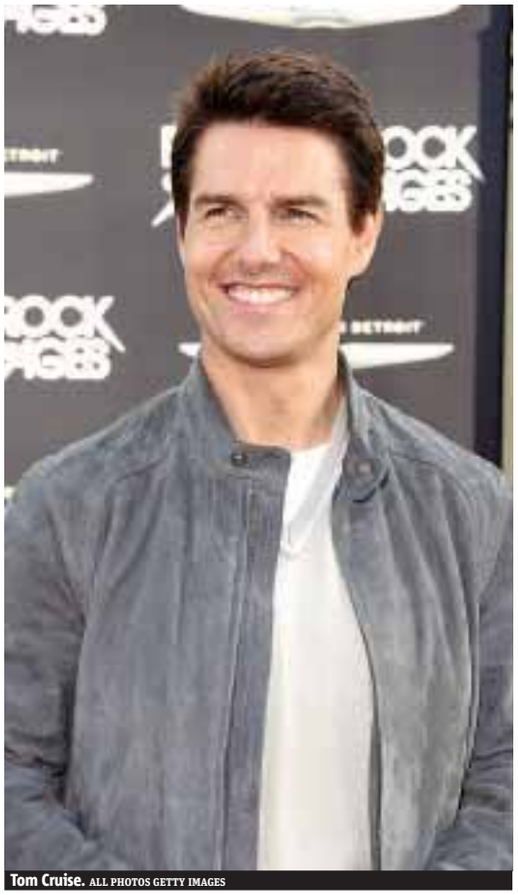

Tom Cruise. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Tom Cruise struggling with divorce

Tom Cruise is reportedly struggling with the stress of a busy work schedule that's keeping him in London and his daughter, Suri, living with soon-to-be ex-wife Katie Holmes in New York.

"I've got to see her," an emotional Cruise reportedly told a friend recently, according to People magazine. "I miss her."

Cruise last spent time with his 6-year-old daughter on August 5, and a mid-September trip to London for the girl was reportedly called off.

Still, despite the struggle for face-time, the actor is still keeping his daughter as a priority.

"I can tell you that I haven't had a meeting with Tom that was not interrupted by a phone call with his daughter," his friend, screenwriter Christopher McQuarrie said.

Quote

"I've got to see her. I miss her."

Tom Cruise
Talking about his daughter.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Reality television plots not real; sky still blue

THE WORD
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The new issue of Us Weekly has a very entertaining cover story on how Bachelorette stars Emily Maynard and Jef Holm are faking their engagement.

I know, I know, It's hard to believe that two fame junkies pretended to be together on a rigged reality TV show to gain attention, but stay with me here.

Apparently, Holm's former girlfriend and current hook-up buddy (whom he was dating when he went on The Bachelorette) went into tell-all mode to Us Weekly.

The ex, Kaylee Shepherd, says that Holm revealed to her that he and Maynard are faking it. In August, a texting scandal hit — Maynard was caught sexting with another man, which Us Weekly, the Woodward and Bernstein of tabloids, uncovered.

Maynard, desperate to preserve her good girl image, hatched a plan to pay off Holm with half of her Bachelorette money.

"Jef said their relationship isn't what it seems. It's all basically for TV," Shepherd tells Us.

It's all basically for TV? You don't say. Next thing you know, you'll be telling me some actors and actresses get plastic surgery and take too many prescription drugs in order to fill the dark void that being famous created. Stop ruining my happy place, Us Weekly.

Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart

Pattinson moving back in with Stewart

It looks like the reconciliation between Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson is complete, as Pattinson has reportedly moved back into the Los Angeles home they share, according to Us Weekly.

"They are living together and have reconciled," a source says, explaining that the pair recently "had a dramatic make-up."

But their relationship may still be on shaky ground in the wake of Stewart's cheating scandal, as the source says Pattinson "is extra-sensitive now. He's insecure."

Twitter

@kerrywashington
I met a very cute lizard today that needs a name. Suggestions?

@chelseahandler
I'm done with juice cleanses. I'm ditching gluten and dairy because apparently, I'm allergic to all things that give pleasure

@SethMacFarlane
Hey 30-year-old skating to work on a longboard: the world is sadder than you seem to realize. We had a 9/11 and everything.

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Hillary Clinton is furious that Monica Lewinsky will earn millions for a book about sex with Bill because she's had to do it for free.

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Mamma mia, Milan!

Drawing inspiration from Art Nouveau, vintage cinema, the streets of Sicily and the '60s, designers who debuted their wears at Milan Fashion Week made us pine for a sparkling spring to come

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Roberto Cavalli

Roberto Cavalli's strong references to swirly Art Nouveau prints could be read as a homage to female beauty. The impressive all-white opening — which included a short sleeve crocodile jacket, embroidered lace tunic, draped fringe pants, a crisply tailored jacket and trousers — was the perfect primer for the decadently intricate collection that followed. The silhouettes were sophisticated, clean, elongated, flowy and, as is customary with Cavalli, tastefully racy.

Moschino

For SS13, Moschino's Rossella Jardini drew inspiration from a patchwork of two films, namely Casino and Two for the Road. The result: everything went minimal from geometric lines to strong graphic elements. For colour, the brand references its iconic black-and-white combo and for brights pays homage to the colourful textiles of Ken Scott, a textile designer who lived in Italy for many years. There was a nod to the '60s too, with dress coats, cutout dresses, cropped trouser suits, trompe l'oeil shirt dresses, and bold stripes.

Versace

Donatella Versace showed a collection of strong tailoring and lingerie dressing in a colour palette of black, orange, blue, turquoise and nude. Classic menswear-inspired blazers were softened to a relaxed fit and adorned with lace inserts and cutouts. Slip dresses in crushed silk or tie-dye came slashed and held together with crisscross lacing, which also appeared on ultra-cool skinny trousers. For evening, sweeping chiffon gowns embellished with silver and gold fringing will surely sizzle on the red carpets.

Dolce & Gabbana

Have you ever been to Taormina in Sicily? No? Well, let Dolce & Gabbana take you there with their fun and colourful Spring 2013 collection. The duo took the audience from the Sicilian street theaters: wheelbarrows, elaborate wheels and Caltagirone ceramic heads to sun-drenched beaches with trendy beach umbrella and sunbed-style stripe pieces arriving in organza, rough, printed cotton, gold brocade and even Sicilian basket-esque raffia skirts and bustiers.

Giorgio Armani

Luminous and optimistic: the opening silk pearl-grey looks, all shown with trousers (wide and straight leg), arrived as a cloud's metaphorical silver lining. White shorts styled with soft-fitted jackets are unexpected but are nevertheless a special touch to this dressy collection. However, it was the evening wear that was gushingly beautiful with sparkly sequin beaded palazzo pants, shifts, jumpsuits, long-skirts, suits and dresses, to name but a few.

Brad makes his Canadian Mark

Goreski gets to Work. Rachel Zoe's protege ventures out on his own and finds a fashionable fit in his homeland

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He's made his Hollywood rounds as a stylist to starlets Jessica Alba, Cameron Diaz, Demi Moore and Kim Kardashian, but we're happy to have Brad Goreski return to his Canadian roots. The star of Bravo reality show It's a Brad Brad World is helping to lend some of his signature pizzazz to a line once known primarily for its practicality.

How did your collaboration with Mark's (formerly Mark's Work Wearhouse) come about?
Mark's came to me. I really like to choose to work with people that make sense for me. And this really feels right. To work with such an iconic Canadian brand, especially one that's changing so much and evolving with their customer, it felt right.

Brad Goreski GEOFFREY KNOTT

Do you think Canadians have influenced the style of our southern neighbours in any way?
I feel like Canadian style has seeped into American culture, especially into the west coast. And what I mean by that is the amount of flannel, the amount of denim-on-denim... I used to get made fun of all the time for wearing it and now it's one of the huge trends. There are a lot of similarities — there's a laid back chicness to both. I think comfort is always key. Definitely in L.A. All of my clients ask me when I tell them to try on a pair of heels, 'are they going to be comfortable?' and I'm like 'no, they're high heels, they have a stiletto on them.'

What's one 'must-have' and one 'must-get-rid-of' in the closet of every man?
I think every guy should have a denim shirt. I think they're so versatile for both men and women. One thing that I would like to see go away are — it's a toss up between — ... a whole outfit. First, the really wide, open, deep V T-shirt. I don't care how good your chest is, it doesn't matter. And then also wildly embellished jeans for guys.

And last but not least, how many bow ties do you own?
Probably around 150.

On the web
Qriket
Stars put their spin on LA style and make it look livable

Stay cosy and frugal this season

Warm trends for fall.
You don't have to be a Rockefeller to add a bit of autumn luxury to your home

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Let's welcome fall this week without the pressures of spending lavish amounts of money on decorating.

I'm not quite ready for the cold weather so we'll add a few affordable touches of warmth around the house to help take the fall chill off.

Sometimes it's the simple pleasures that can get us through these seasonal changes, so let's save some money, because next week, it's all about the luxurious trends for winter decorating ahead.

In the bath

Step out of the shower to a soft and cozy Plush Pile Bath Rug made of pure cotton. Over 25 colours to choose (Shore shown) assures a designer match in the bathroom. From $45, RestorationHardware.com.

In the den

Treat your feet to a chunky footrest woven from recycled fabric remnants cover the Recycled Pouf. $99, CB2.com.

The great outdoors

Create warmth outside on the terrace with a lightweight and portable Table-top Pedestal Propane Heater. Operates on a one-pound propane tank and has a commercial-grade stainless burner, $130, Sears.ca.

At the bed

Reminiscent of a 1940s bed jacket, Barbara Barry's pale blue Crescent Moon Quilt is a luxurious quilted layering piece with a silk look that adds a touch of glamour to a hotel-inspired bedroom. $200/queen, TheBay.com.

At the desk

Keep your bevies warm while working or computer surfing with Salton's Electrical Mug Warmer. A white and simple design that blends with the modern desktop accessories. $16, HomeHardware.ca.

Lemon Cornmeal Cookies: Pleasant change from traditional sweetness

Lemon Cornmeal Cookies

This recipe makes about 84 cookies. EDWARD POND

"These rustic cornmeal S-shaped cookies are a delicious change of pace from traditional sweet cookies," write the The Canadian Living Test Kitchen chefs in 150 Essential Whole Grains. "The cornmeal gives them a pleasant crunch that goes well with a cup of tea. Dust them with icing sugar, if desired."

Ingredients

- 1 1/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/3 cups fine stone-ground cornmeal
- 1 cup cold butter, cubed
- 3 egg yolks
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 tsp grated lemon zest

1. In large bowl, whisk flour with cornmeal; using pastry blender or 2 knives, cut in butter until crumbly.

2. Beat together egg yolks, brown sugar and vanilla until thickened, about 5 minutes. Scrape over flour mixture. Add lemon zest; beat at medium speed just until blended. (Dough will be stiff.)

3. On work surface and working with 1/4 cup batter at a time, roll and shape into 15-inch (38 cm) long ropes. Cut into 3-inch (8 cm) lengths; bend into S shapes. Place, 1 inch (2.5 cm) apart, on parchment paper–lined rimless baking sheets. Refrigerate for 30 minutes.

4. Bake in top and bottom thirds of 375 F (190 C) oven, rotating and switching pans halfway through, until golden, 10 to 12 minutes.

5. Let cool on pans on racks for 3 minutes. Transfer cookies to racks; let cool. (Make-ahead: Layer between waxed paper in airtight container and store for up to 4 days or freeze for up to 1 month.)

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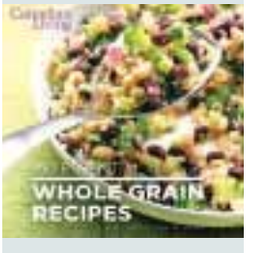
Cookbook of the Week

Decoding ultra healthy foods



With Canadian Living's 150 Essential Whole Grain Recipes, incorporating superfoods into your everyday menus is easy.

The book clears up the mystery of cooking with grains and offers recipes that make the most of these nutritional powerhouses.

Each of the six informative chapters of this full-colour book focuses on a whole grain group. Chapters include: Whole Grain Basics, Wheat, Spelt and Kamut; Brown Rice and Wild Rice, Buckwheat and Rye, Quinoa, Corn and Millet; and Barley and Oats.

Tucked into each chapter are helpful sidebars profiling specific grains as well as expert cooking advice. METRO

McIlroy focused on fitting in with the team

Golf. 'This week, I'm not the No. 1 player in the world,' young star says ahead of Ryder Cup

Rory McIlroy has gone from being a rookie in the Ryder Cup to a marked man at Medinah.

McIlroy is the first European in nearly 20 years to go into the Ryder Cup as the No. 1 player in the world, although the star power of this 23-year-old from Northern Ireland is about more than a ranking. He's already won two majors, with a record score in the U.S. Open last year and a record margin at the PGA Championship last month.

His four wins this year are the most in the world, all against the strongest fields.

So it was no surprise when Jim Furyk referred to Boy Wonder as the "present day Tiger Woods" and a "marked man" at this Ryder Cup. That's the role Woods played for years in these matches when he dominated golf. There was a feeling among Europeans that beating Woods was worth more than one point because of the emotional lift it gave the rest of the team.

McIlroy doesn't see it that way. "This week I'm not the No. 1 player in the world," he said Wednesday. "I'm one person in a 12-man team, and that's it. It's a team effort. There's 12 guys all striving toward the same goal. I'm just part of that."

Field of dreams

Both teams look strong with all 24 players among the top 35 in the world.

- The Americans are loaded with experience behind Tiger Woods, Jim Furyk and Phil Mickelson.
- Europe has only one Ryder Cup rookie, Nicolas Colsaerts, and has captured the cup six of the last eight times.

But even in this team competition, it's easy to get wrapped up in a single star.

There's only one way to keep score in the Ryder Cup, though it's tempting to make individuals accountable. Even when Woods was at his best, he still could only deliver a maximum of five points if he played every match. He never came close, and didn't produce a winning record until his fifth Ryder Cup.

"I don't have a number. I don't have a total," McIlroy said. "I think with the U.S. playing here at home, I think they are the favourites. It's a very strong team. So we know we have got to go out there and play very, very well to have a chance. So if I play on Friday morning, I just want to get my point and then take it from there."

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Quoted

"There's something about Ryder Cup which kind of intrigues me, how you can be great mates with somebody, but boy, do you want to kill them in Ryder Cup."

Englishman Ian Poulter on the intensity of international competition

Rory McIlroy drives during the third preview day of the 39th Ryder Cup at Medinah Country Club, just outside of Chicago, on Wednesday. JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY IMAGES

Lions' Mitchell sidelined for Riders clash

B.C. Lions defensive tackle Khalif Mitchell reacts during a game in Regina last October. LIAM RICHARDS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Khalif Mitchell is in the doghouse with his B.C. Lions coaches and teammates as well as the CFL over his actions last weekend in Edmonton.

But Mitchell, who was fined an undisclosed amount earlier this week for making throat-slashing gestures at the Eskimos, won't get a chance to make amends Saturday at Regina's Mosaic Stadium against the Roughriders. The defensive lineman will sit out with a thigh injury.

Mitchell was not on the field for Wednesday's practice but defended his actions a day earlier by saying he was making the sign of a cross and gesturing towards teammates, not the opposition. Mitchell's punishment came after he was suspended for two games in B.C.'s previous meeting with the Eskimos in July, when he twisted Edmonton offensive lineman Simeon Rottier's arm, hyperextending his elbow.

The absence of Mitchell's talent will be difficult to make up, but the West Division-leading Lions (9-3) were in the exact same situation before against the Riders (6-6). Rookie Jabar Westerman of Brampton, Ont., 22, replaced a suspended Mitchell against Saskatchewan in August and will again get the starting assignment. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A new Roughrider

The Saskatchewan Roughriders have solidified their defensive line, signing import defensive tackle Robert Rose.

- **Background.** The six-foot-five, 285-pound Cleveland native opened the season with the Tiger-Cats. After four years at Ohio State, Rose also spent time in 2010 with the NFL's Seattle Seahawks and on the practice roster of the Miami Dolphins.

4 SPORTS

Mobile sports

Cricket

Washington's Robert Griffin III is so good it hurts. The Redskins rookie quarterback has been taking a beating because he's so good at pretending that he still has the ball after he's handed it off.

English League Cup

Rooney returns for United victory

Wayne Rooney returned from a month-long injury absence as Manchester United eliminated Newcastle from the League Cup, while Arsenal and Tottenham also advanced with ease on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Figure skating

Former Canadian champ Phaneuf calls it a career

Two-time Canadian figure skating champion Cynthia Phaneuf is stepping away from the ice.

The 24-year-old from Sorel-Tracy, Que., announced her retirement on Wednesday after a roller-coaster 2011-12 season nagged by lingering back pain and a coaching change.

Phaneuf, the Canadian champion in 2004 and 2011, was diagnosed with a stress fracture in her back over the summer. But she said her decision isn't just due to injury.

"It's more about where I am in my life now," Phaneuf said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cynthia Phaneuf GETTY IMAGES FILE

NFL

Bills' Jackson feels OK after practice

Buffalo Bills running back Fred Jackson says he feels OK after returning to practice for the first time since spraining his right knee on Sept. 9. The next test, Jackson said Wednesday, is how his knee feels Thursday morning. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA

"I didn't really take any kind of offence to it at all."

Raptors newcomer Landry Fields, who said Wednesday he knows a failed bid for Steve Nash may be what brought him to Toronto, but with a new $20-million US contract, he didn't take it as an insult.

Top young NHL talent on hand as AHL camps open

Back to the rink. Farm teams in for exciting season with many up-and-coming players set to lace up during lockout

Gifted young players like Jeff Skinner and Ryan Nugent-Hopkins will report to training camp this week, but it will be in the American Hockey League and not the locked-out NHL.

Most of the 30 teams in North America's top minor league will start with physical testing either Thursday or Friday before beginning on-ice workouts to get ready for what could be a wild season in the AHL. The regular season opens Oct. 12.

The last NHL lockout in 2004-05 saw youngsters like Jason Spezza, Michael Cammalleri and Eric Staal sent back to the AHL for the season, but that was a trickle compared to the flood of talent this time around.

Regina native Jordan Eberle, Adam Henrique, Adam Larsson, Sean Couturier, Brayden Schenn, Jake Gardiner, Alex Burmistrov and Slava Voynov are among players already established, at least to some degree, in the NHL who have been assigned to AHL clubs.

Top prospects who likely would have started the season in the NHL but will instead play in the second-tier league include Ryan Johansen, Sven Baertschi, Cody Hodgson, Oliver Ekman-Larsson, Zack Kassian, Nino Niederreiter, Nazem Kadri, Brett Connolly, Louis Leblanc and Ryan Ellis.

Depending on how long the NHL lockout lasts, it could be a spectacular season for the 77-year-old AHL, which had a big boost in attendance during the last NHL lockout.

"I look at the names on some of the rosters and this has to be the best crop of players the league has ever seen," said Julien BriseBois, general manager of the Syracuse Crunch, the Tampa Bay Lightning's top farm club.

"We're excited to see how much the level goes up and which teams take best advantage of the players that have fallen into their laps." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Young NHLers, clockwise from top left, Jeff Skinner, Jake Gardiner, Sean Couturier and Ryan Nugent-Hopkins are among the rising stars who will play in the AHL during the NHL lockout. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Transfer trouble

Yakupov's hockey future up in the air

Nail Yakupov could be forced to return to the OHL if he wants to continue playing during the NHL lockout.

The flashy forward was suspended by the Russian-based KHL on Wednesday after it was revealed he didn't secure a transfer card to join Neftekhimik Nizhnekamsk. The International Ice Hockey Federation ruled he played illegally when he suited up for his hometown team in two games earlier this month, casting doubt over the future of the NHL's 2012 No. 1 pick.

At issue is who controls his playing rights.

Yakupov signed an entry-level deal with the Oilers over the summer and those contracts include a clause that states junior-eligible players may only appear in the NHL or CHL. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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MLB. Orioles crush Jays to keep pace with Yanks

Chris Davis and Manny Machado each connected twice and the Baltimore Orioles tied a team record with seven home runs, routing Toronto 12-2 Wednesday night and staying within 1 1/2 games of the AL East lead.

The Orioles ended a two-game skid against the Jays to remain close to the division-leading New York Yankees, who won 8-2 in Minnesota.

Nate McLouth hit a leadoff shot in the first inning and Jim Thome and Mark Reynolds also homered. Baltimore has hit seven home runs three times, most recently on Aug. 26, 1985. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jays centre-fielder Colby Rasmus reaches in vain for Nate McLouth's first-inning homer on Wednesday in Baltimore. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World Cup head-butt bronzed

A bronze sculpture by Algerian artist Adel Abdessemed unveiled Wednesday in front of Paris' Centre Pompidou museum portrays former French soccer player Zinedine Zidane's head-butt on Italian Marco Materazzi during the 2006 World Cup final in Germany. REMY DE LA MAUVINIERE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NFL. Reports say sides 'closing in' on referee deal

With commissioner Roger Goodell at the table, the NFL and referees' union pressed toward a settlement Wednesday to end a three-month lockout that triggered a wave of frustration and anger over replacement officials.

Two days after a controversial call cost the Green Bay Packers a win, both sides were said to be nearing a deal and several reports put regular officials back at work perhaps as early as Sunday.

ESPN reported that "an agreement in principle is at hand." The New York Times said the sides "were closing in" on a new agreement.

The NFL declined to confirm that a tentative contract was imminent.

The union wants improved salaries, retirement benefits and other logistical issues for the mostly part-time referees. The NFL has proposed a pension freeze and a higher 401(k) match. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"We want to go back to work, but it has to be the right deal for 121 guys."

NFL field judge Boris Cheek

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You will find yourself caught up in a conflict of some kind and you'll have no choice but to take sides. But which side to support? The one that is least likely to desert you in your own moment of need.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Apply common sense to whatever situation you find yourself in today. Also, make sure you keep your tongue firmly behind your teeth, whatever the provocation may be. This is not a good time to be honest!

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
It may be tempting to hit back at those who are giving you a hard time, but the more bad things you say now, the more work will have to be done later to patch things up. Let go of vengeful thoughts.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Cancer is a cardinal sign, which among other things means you are ready to fight for what you believe — and you may have to today. Don't let anyone take from you what you don't want to give — not now, not ever.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
No matter how strong you think your arguments may be, you cannot force others to do things they don't want to do and the sooner you accept that fact, the easier your life will be — and theirs too.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you know what is good for you, any chores and tasks that need doing will be left for the weekend. Today, your priority is to patch up a friendship or relationship that has been heading downhill.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Today's cosmic picture urges you to find a creative way to bleed off the anger and frustration that has been building up inside. Getting your feelings down on paper is an especially good idea — but don't publish them!

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You are entitled to express your viewpoint forcefully but you are not entitled to stop others from expressing their opinions. Free speech is a right worth fighting for — for everyone, not just yourself.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
It may be the case that you have grown so comfortable doing something one way that you have failed to notice there are better ways to reach your goal. Move with the times. Not everything modern is bad.

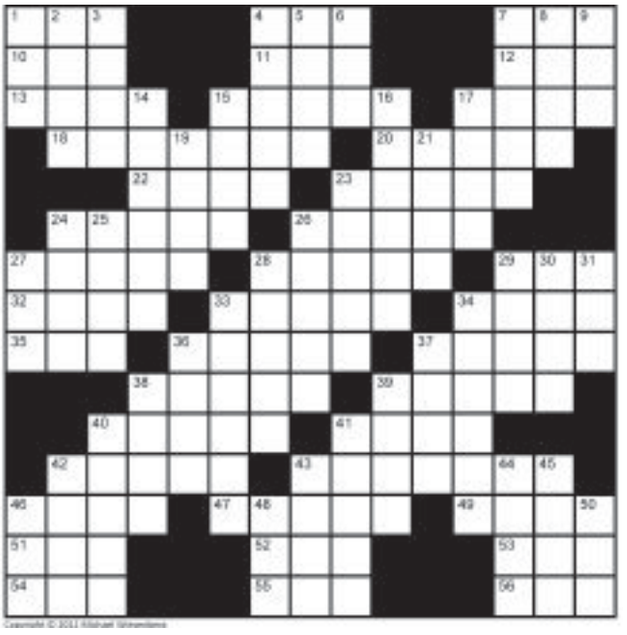
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Being a Capricorn, you enjoy it when the odds are against you, as it gives you a chance to prove how dynamic you are. While others are complaining that life is too tough, you'll just be getting on with it.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
If you apply yourself to the problem at hand, it won't be a problem for long. There is a determination about Aquarius that helps you tackle issues that others too easily give up on. Show that resolve now.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Take no notice of those who say you are being irresponsible. They are merely jealous. Today's planetary set-up means it is better to be a bit reckless than take no risks at all. Do what feels right — and do it now. SALLY BROMPTON

Olio Is a Mixture; the Other One's Here

BY MICHAEL WIESENBERG



Across
1. Our star
4. Official Parliament opposition: initialism
7. "Finger-lickin' good" restaurant: initialism
10. Sean Lennon's mother Yoko
11. Consume
12. Society page adjective that means "born" in French
13. Prevaricator
15. Halifax-born singer McLachlan
17. Remove outside layer, as from an apple
18. IMAX ___
20. Checks out suggestively
22. Grandson of Adam who reputedly lived to 905
23. Eightsome
24. Race, as an engine (2 wds.)
26. Territory whose capital is Whitehorse
27. Canadian military trainee
28. Distinct musical sounds
29. Apply gingerly, with "on"
32. Great poker start
33. Impertinent
34. Dorothy's dog
35. Iniquity site
36. Chile con ___
37. Cheech's Edmonton-born partner
38. "How are you ___?"
39. Oldsmobile model discontinued in 2004
40. "Mr. Tambourine Man" and "Mr. Spaceman" group, with "The"
41. Evidence of healing
42. Makes a run for it
43. Anthem with English and French versions (2 wds.)
46. Chunk of dirt
47. Traditional Stampeder rival
49. National Park just across the Alberta-BC border from Banff
51. Do this on bended knees
52. "Big" clock in London
53. And not
54. Audiophile's collection
55. Bon ___: witticism
56. Potato bud

Down
1. Our sun
2. Litre, metre, or tonne
3. Biblical ark builder
4. Approaches
5. "Bet you can't," e.g.
6. School fund-raising grp.
7. Committed a hockey infraction
8. Bank assessments
9. Cartoon collectible
14. Beirut-born Canadian star of *The Matrix* series Keanu
15. "Halt!"
16. What many consider Canada's national game
17. Architect's design
19. "What are you, some kind of ___?" (2 wds)
21. Bygone Pontiac muscle cars
23. 28.35 grams
24. 100-metre dash, e.g.
25. Where Adam and Eve started
26. Toronto-born Neil called "The Godfather of Grunge"
27. Bounder
28. England's Lake District lakes
29. Exit or entrance
30. ___ time: never (2 wds.)
31. Marsh
33. "Because I ___!": parent's response to "Why do I have to?" (2 wds.)
34. Canada's best known retailer, familiarly (2 wds.)
36. Apple eater's throwaway
37. Tribe
38. Not the original color
39. Hertz Rent-_-___
40. Promotes oneself online
41. A bloodhound follows one
42. Took off
43. Margarine
44. Finished
45. Sailor's hail
46. *This Hour Has 22 Minutes* network
48. PC maker
50. Bauxite or hematite

Yesterday's Crossword

What's online

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

8		7			1		9	
				5	4			6
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		3					8	
		4	9		7	1		
	7					2		
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	1		2			7		5

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